

Satellite radio is an option of free speech that should be preserved. Local stations do not come in well in this area and it is important to have access to news and weather when traveling and not have to search for stations all the time. I travel over the state and can not find stations worth listening to, especially in the evenings, depending on the mood I'm in I may want to access news, certain types of music or talk radio and be able to hear an entire program without losing the signal. The so called local stations turn over to national programs in the evenings and weekends now, so it is almost impossible to get local weather and traffic conditions. It is not a choice of satellite or regular broadcasting it is a choice of satellite or books on tape for me. We pay for this service and should be able to listen to what we want, if they offered what we wanted we wouldn't have to get satellite radio. Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160.